

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of providing digital image services and generating revenue therefrom, the method comprising:

5           receiving, at a first location, image data retrieved from removable storage media and storing the image data at the first location;

          receiving and storing advertising information at the first location, at least some  
10       portion of the advertising information is unique to the first location; and

          responsive to an output request, generating output of the image data, the output including the advertising information,  
15       wherein revenue is generated from the use of the advertising information.

2. A method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

20       responsive to a request at the first location, uploading the image data from the first location to a second, remote location.

3. A method according to Claim 1, wherein  
25       the output is hardcopy output.

4. A method according to Claim 3, wherein other revenue is generated from purchase of the hardcopy output.

30       5. A method according to Claim 3, wherein the hardcopy output is a postcard.

35       6. A method according to Claim 3, wherein the hardcopy output is a photograph.

7. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the output is saved to a removable storage medium.

5 8. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the removable storage medium is a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, ZIP disk or a CLICK disk.

10 9. A method according to Claim 1, wherein revenue is generated from purchase of the hardcopy output.

10. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the output is a display.

15 11. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the display includes a display of the image data and the advertising information.

20 12. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the display includes a display of the image data.

25 13. A method according to Claim 12, wherein the displayed image data is a thumbnail image of the image data.

14. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the output request is generated through a cable television system.

30 15. A system configured to provide digital image services and generate revenue therefrom, comprising:

advertising data store accessible locally for storing advertising information;

image data store accessible locally for storing image data uploaded from removable storage media;

5 receiving station capable of interfacing with a device to retrieve the image data from the removable storage media; and

server configured to save image data received from the receiving station to the image data store and to save received advertising information to the advertising data store, and to respond to a request to output the image data the server outputting the advertising information with the image data,

15 wherein revenue is generated from the advertising information.

16. A digital image services system according to Claim 15, wherein the server is configured to upload the image data to a remote server.

17. A system according to Claim 16, wherein the remote server provides image data processing services, other revenue is generated from the purchase of at least one of the services.

18. A system according to Claim 15, further comprising:

30 a set-top box connected to the server, the set-top box configured to display a user interface comprising image processing selections and image data.

19. A computer-readable memory medium in which computer-executable process steps are stored,

the process steps for providing digital image services and generating revenue therefrom, wherein the process steps comprise:

5 a first receiving step to receive, at a first location, image data retrieved from removable storage media and storing the image data at the first location;

10 a second receiving step to receive advertising information and store the advertising information at the first location, at least some portion of the advertising information is unique to the first location; and

15 a generating step responsive to an output request, to generate output of the image data, the output including the advertising information,

wherein revenue is generated from the use of the advertising information.

20 20. Computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, further comprising:

an uploading step, responsive to a request at the first location, to upload the image data from the first location to a second, remote location.

25 21. Computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, wherein the output is hardcopy output.

30 22. Computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 21, wherein other revenue is generated from purchase of the hardcopy output.

35 23. Computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 21, wherein the hardcopy output is a postcard.

24. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 21, wherein the hardcopy output  
is a photograph.

5                   25. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 19, wherein the output is saved  
to removable storage medium.

10                   26. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 25, wherein the removable storage  
medium is a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, ZIP disk or a CLICK  
disk.

15                   27. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 19, wherein revenue is generated  
from purchase of the hardcopy output.

20                   28. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 19, wherein the output is a  
display.

25                   29. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 19, wherein the display includes  
a display of the image data and the advertising  
information.

30                   30. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 19, wherein the display includes  
a display of the image data.

31. Computer-readable memory medium  
according to Claim 30, wherein the displayed image  
data is a thumbnail image of the image data.

32. Computer-readable memory medium according to Claim 19, wherein the output request is generated through a cable television system.

5                   33. An apparatus for providing digital image services and generating revenue therefrom, comprising:  
                    a program memory for storing process steps executable to perform the steps of (1) receiving, at  
10                   a first location, image data retrieved from removable storage media and storing the image data at the first location, (2) receiving and storing advertising information at the first location, at  
                    least some portion of the advertising information is  
15                   unique to the first location, and (3) responsive to an output request, generating output of the image data, the output including the advertising information, wherein revenue is generated from the use of the advertising information, and  
20                   a processor for executing the process steps stored in said program memory.

                    34. An apparatus according to Claim 33, wherein the process steps further comprising the  
25                   step of:  
                    responsive to a request at the first location, uploading the image data from the first location to a second, remote location.

30                   35. An apparatus according to Claim 33, wherein the output is hardcopy output.

                    36. An apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein other revenue is generated from purchase of  
35                   the hardcopy output.

37. An apparatus according to Claim 35,  
wherein the hardcopy output is a postcard.

5 38. An apparatus according to Claim 35,  
wherein the hardcopy output is a photograph.

39. An apparatus according to Claim 33,  
wherein the output is saved to removable storage  
medium.

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40. An apparatus according to Claim 39,  
wherein the removable storage medium is a CD-ROM,  
DVD-ROM, ZIP disk or a CLICK disk.

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41. An apparatus according to Claim 33,  
wherein revenue is generated from purchase of the  
hardcopy output.

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42. An apparatus according to Claim 33,  
wherein the output is a display.

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43. An apparatus according to Claim 33,  
wherein the display includes a display of the image  
data and the advertising information.

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44. An apparatus according to Claim 33,  
wherein the display includes a display of the image  
data.

45. An apparatus according to Claim 44,  
wherein the displayed image data is a thumbnail  
image of the image data.

46. An apparatus according to Claim 33, wherein the output request is generated through a cable television system.